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1. THE DRAFT DEFINITIONS OF RATIONALIZATION AND SPECIALIZATION IN REF A APPEAR TO BE TOO SIMILAR TO BE MEANINGFUL EXPLANATIONS OF WHAT IS INTENDED IN THESE EFFORTS. THE DEFINITION OF RATIONALIZATION SHOULD CONTAIN WITHIN IT THE POSSIBILITIES OF SPECIALIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION WHICH COMBINED WITH IDEA OF EFFICIENCY LEAD TO MORE RATIONAL

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DEFENSE EFFORTS. WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION OF

RATIONALIZATION:

QTE ANY ACTION THAT MAKES A MORE EFFICIENT USE OF THE DEFENSE RESOURCES OF NATO NATIONS INCLUDING GREATER COOPERATION AND REASSIGNMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE RESOURCES TO HIGHER PRIORITY NATO NEEDS, WITHOUT REDUCING THE TOTAL PLANNED DEFENSE FUNDING OF THE MEMBER STATES UNQTE. ALTHOUGH THE DISCUSSIONS OF RATIONALIZATION HAVE THUS FAR CENTERED UPON REALLOCATIONS OF TASKS AMONG NATIONAL FORCES, THE CONCEPT OF RATIONALIZATION IS MUCH BROADER AND WOULD CONCEIVABLY APPLY TO SUCH FACTORS AS COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS AND FORCE DEPLOYMENTS. THE WORDS QTE ANY ACTION UNQTE IN OUR DEFINITION ARE MORE SUITED TO THIS POSSIBILITY THAN THE IS DEFINITION. RATIONALIZATION ALSO HAS AS ITS OBJECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN NATO CAPABILITIES QTE THROUGH

REASSIGNMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE RESOURCES TO HIGHER PRIORITY NATO NEEDS UNQTE, A POINT THAT DOES NOT COME THROUGH IN THE IS DEFINITION. WE WISH TO AVOID LONG DISCUSSIONS OVER DEFINITIONS AND CAN AGREE TO A DEFINITION THAT DOES NOT UNDULY LIMIT THE OVERALL CONCEPT AND THAT MORE CLEARLY PORTRAYS THE OBJECTIVE TO BE FORCE IMPROVEMENTS AND EFFICIENCIES WITHOUT REDUCING EXPENDITURES. YOU SHOULD OFFER THE US DEFINITION AS A CONCEPTUAL POINT OF REFERENCE RATHER THAN A FIRM FORMULATION.

2. WE CONCUR WITH THE IS DRAFT DEFINITION OF SPECIALIZATION.

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